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CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, December 23rd, 1928
Services will be held at —
Irma — 7:30 P. M.
Roseberry — 3:30 P. M.
Alma Mater — 2 P. M.
The subject of the sermon will be
"The Gifts of Kings."
Special Christmas music. "What
does the Advent of Jesus mean to
you?"
Church School, Irma — 11 A. M.
At Alma Mater — 3 P. M.
At Roseberry — 2:30 P. M.
This will be the last service at
Roseberry for the winter.
Sunday, December 30th
New Year's Message. Subject
"New Year's Visitors."
Irma — 7:30 P. M.
Alma Mater — 3 P. M.
Begin the Year with worship, "Ring
out the old, ring in the new."

MARKET PRICES

WHEAT	
No. 1 Northern	96
No. 2 Nor.	92
No. 3 Northern	87
No. 4	79
No. 6	51
Feed	46
Oats	
No. 2 C. W.	42
No. 3 C. W.	38
Barley, No. 2 C. W.	47
Flax, No. 1 N. W.	1.62
Rye, No. 2 C. W.	81

The Irma Women's Institute are
putting on a dance and box social on
New Year's eve, December 31st. Every-
body come.
Mr. Eric Richardson and Tom As-
kin have returned to Irma to spend
the holidays with their respective
parents.

NEWS ITEMS FROM KINSELLA

Mr. Ben Wachter of the B & B
gang spent Sunday at his home here.
Nearly all the children in school
have been having the flu.
School closes on Friday for the
Christmas holidays.
Mrs. P. J. Wangness has been very
sick with the "flu" also Miss Bess
Hart and Miss L. Torgensen.
Mr. Ansell spent Sunday in Edmon-
ton with his sister, Mrs. Third, who
is very ill.
Mr. McKee returned from Edmon-
ton on Saturday where he had been
for the past week.
Miss L. Torgensen, High School
teacher has resigned. We understand
Mr. Sullivan has been hired to fill
the vacancy.
The annual meeting of the Ladies
Aid was held last Thursday, Decem-
ber 13th at the home of Mrs. William
Anderson the following officers were
elected: President, Mrs. George Lee,
Vice-President, Mrs. J. Neal, Secre-
tary and Treasurer, Mrs. William An-
derson. The next meeting will be
held with Mrs. Jack Allen January
10th.

ELEVATORS CLOSED DURING HOLIDAYS

Following the usual custom, the
local elevators will be closed during
the Christmas and New Years festi-
vities.
The elevators will close on Satur-
day, December 22nd and will re-open
on the morning of the 28th, and will
also be closed on December 31st and
on New Year's Day, January 1st
and will then be re-opened on January
2nd.

Wishing you one and all the Com-
pliments of the Season.
— All Elevators.

If you have something valuable that
you don't want and somebody else can
use it, an ad. in this paper will sell
it for you. Try it.

ANNUAL MEETING AGRI. SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Irma
Agricultural Society was held in Mr.
Masson's office, Tuesday afternoon.
When the following officers were elect-
ed: Hon. President, A. A. Fischer;
President R. D. Smallwood; 1st Vice
President A. Steffenson; 2nd Vice
President, Jas. A. Bell; Sec.-Treas.
W. Masson. Directors: H. Kasten,
W. H. King, R. Larson, A. E. Peterson,
R. G. Williamson, G. Arnold, G.
W. Mitchell, J. Fletcher, Geo. Tripp,
B. McFarland, M. T. Knudson, Mrs. J.
H. Elliott, Mrs. Geo. Tripp, and Mrs.
Geo. Knowles.
The Agricultural Society has a sub-
stantial balance in the bank and is in
a very flourishing condition and with
the above board of directors should
make a good showing for the coming
year. Mr. R. D. Smallwood, with Mr.
M. T. Knudson, substitute were ap-
pointed as delegates to the Fair
Convention to be held in Calgary on
February 12th and 13th. The dele-
gate was instructed to endeavor to
have the Irma Fair on August 13th
and 14th. At this meeting a resolu-
tion was passed that no stock be al-
lowed to pasture on the fair grounds
the coming summer.

U. G. G. HOLD GOOD MEETING

A good meeting was held by the
Irma Local No. 89 U. G. G. on Friday
afternoon, December 14th. Mr. W. T.
Barber, gave a good report from the
annual meeting held in Calgary. Mr.
Hemphill, of the U. G. G. office gave
a good address and endeavored to
answer some of the questions asked by
the shareholders. The old board con-
sisting of J. B. Gulbraa, Jos. Gul-
braa, W. T. Barber, O. Steffenson
and H. Kasten, were re-elected. The
board of directors appointed Mr. A.
W. Buras, Secretary.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas calls us back to the
simplicity and beauty of our faith
as Christians. We have had too much
of controversy and theorizing and ab-
stract discussion about religion. We
want to feel its heavenly beauty, its
blessed comfort, its divine power.
It is this which Christmas brings
to us. It speaks to us of joy and
strength and peace which Christ and
Christ alone, has power to give to
this troubled world.
Where do we go to find words of
life and hope for the discouraged; to
find comfort for those who mourn
and forgiveness for all who have sin-
ned and fallen short; to find the way
of light and love and peace for all
men? We go to Him who was born
in Bethlehem. If His teachings were
followed, selfishness and injustice
and sin would vanish from the Earth.
Wars would cease, Righteousness and
love and peace would reign. The
Kingdom of Heaven would come
among us.

Rev. Lindsay, Wright

WEEKLY REVIEW PROV. MARKETS

FEEDERS, STOCKERS — Feeder
steers bringing \$4.25@7.50; stock
steers at \$5.50@7.25; stock heif-
ers \$5.50@7.25; and stock cows from
\$5.25@6.25.

HOGS — Edmonton reports that the
week, and watered, was \$8.65@8.75 this
market price on thick smooths, fed
SHEEP — Edmonton reports year-
lings as bringing \$8@9; ewes from
\$4@7; lambs \$5.50@11.

CREAM — Special now 40c; first
38c, and second 35c at centralizers
and country points.
POULTRY — Declines in prices
which range from 1c to 2c on fowl
and chicken, while turkeys are off 4c.
Ducks steady, but geese dropped 2c
on both live and dressed stuff. Only
limited outside demand is responsi-
ble. Further declines are anticipat-
ed.

HAY — Upland quoted at \$10 and
timothy \$12@12.50 country points.
FEED OATS — Receipts light and
market active; prices steady at 40c
@45c.

FURS — Grizzly bear, head and
claws on, \$8@30; badger, \$12@30;
coyote, \$7@20; red fox, \$6@35;
cross fox, \$12@100; silver fox, at
value; lynx, \$16@50; marten, pale,
\$7.50@35; marten, brown, \$12@40;
marten, dark, \$20@30; mink, \$4@
\$20; muskrat, spring, 20c@1.50; ot-
ter, \$8@45; skunk, \$1.75@3.50, and
weasel \$5@2.50. These prices de-
pend on size, quality and color.

MORTGAGE SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the powers
of Sale provided by the Land Titles
Act, under a certain mortgage which
will be produced at the time of sale,
there will be offered for sale by
public auction,

At Wm. Masson's Office in
Village of Irma
in the Province of Alberta
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1929
At 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The following property namely:
Legal Subdivision Ten (10) and
Fifteen (15) of Section 36, Township
44, Range 10, West of the Fourth
Meridian excepting thereout the lands
covered by Lake "F" and "G", the
land hereby described containing 62.20
acres more or less according to Do-
minion Government Survey, reserv-
ing all mines and minerals; AND AL-
SO the North West Quarter of Sec-
tion 36, Township 44, Range 10, West
of the Fourth Meridian containing by
admeasurement One Hundred & Six-
ty Two (162) acres more or less ac-
cording to Dominion Government
Survey, reserving thereout all mines
and minerals.

Terms of the Sale to be 10 per
cent. Cash at the time of the sale, and
the balance according to the terms
and conditions to be made known at
the time of the sale or upon applica-
tion to the Vendor's solicitors.

The above property will be offered
for sale subject to a sealed reserve
bid and free from all encumbrances,
save a mortgage to the Excelsior Life
Insurance Company for \$501.00 with
interest at 8 1/2 per cent, from 2nd
January, 1929, and taxes for the cur-
rent year.

The Vendor is informed that the
above property is situated about 3
miles west and 5 miles south from
the Village of Irma; and five miles
from a school house. The land is well
fenced with barbed wire. There is a two-
roomed frame dwelling house, barn
26 x 44 on cement foundation with
hay loft, two granaries and one chick-
en house. Buildings in fair state of
repair. The soil is a sandy loam and
there are 135 acres under cultivation.
For further particulars and condi-
tions of sale, apply to C. G. Purvis,
Viking, Alberta.

Dated at Viking this 3rd day of
December, A. D. 1928.

C. G. PURVIS, Vendor's Solicitor
Approved:
A. T. Kinnaird, Dep. Registrar.

Dec. 14-21

For quality and quantity the Family
Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal,
is the prudent farmer's first choice.
At \$1 a year or three years for \$2 it
is a marvel of value, and all members
of the family get a wealth of reading
of marvellous interest.

Irma Meat Market

Our thanks and appreciation are ex-
tended for the share of patronage
we have enjoyed during the past
two months.

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS
BE YOUR MERRIEST CHRISTMAS
and
1929 YOUR BRIGHTEST
AND MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR.

A. E. FOXWELL

Licensed Fur and Hide Buyer

Irma, - - - - - Alberta

The Happy Christmas Season

Calls to mind the pleasant associations we have
had with you in the past. We sincerely
hope the coming year will be one of

Health and
Greater Prosperity for You.

It has given us much pleasure, when we have
been able to be of service, and we sincerely thank
you for your kind patronage and earnestly solicit
the continuance of same.

IRMA MOTORS

CHEVROLET & TWIN CITY DEALERS

Irma, - - - - - Alberta

Wedding Bells

HOBBS — INKIN

A pretty wedding was solemnized
on December 17th at 1:30 p.m. at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Inkin,
Irma, when their eldest daughter,
Maud Elizabeth, was united in mar-
riage to Edwin Henry Hobbs of Ed-
monton, formerly of Warwickshire,
England, the Rev. Mr. Wright of Ir-
ma officiating. The bride was attend-
ed by her sister, Lillian Gladys; and
Mrs. George Mortimer of Edmonton
was maid of honor. The bridegroom
was supported by Mr. A. A. Fischer
of Irma. The bride, who looked
charming in a dress of white beaded
Georgette with orange blossom
and veil carried a bouquet of white car-
nations, was given away by her father.
The bridesmaid was dressed in
white crepe-de-chene and carried a
basket of roses while the maid of hon-
or wore a dress of salmon colored
flat crepe. After the wedding a lunch
was served by the parents. A toast
to the bride by Rev. Mr. Wright was
responded to by Mr. A. A. Fischer,
other toasts were given and respond-
ed to and an enjoyable time was spent
by all present.

The newlyweds were escorted to
the train, and amidst a shower of
rice were started on their trip to Win-
nipeg, Fort Francis and points east.
On their return the happy couple
will reside in Edmonton where they
are well known, Mrs. Hobbs being a
graduate of the University Hospital,
and, where Mr. Hobbs has had a posi-
tion on the C. N. R. for several years.

APOLOGY

Major J. M. K. Hughes who was to
have addressed a Pool meeting in
Irma on Saturday, December 15th
was unable to reach Irma owing to an
accident to his car on the way from
Vegreville. Major Hughes has asked
the Times to express regrets to the
people of Irma and district.

Bull on the confidence of its sub-
scribers, the Family Herald and Week-
ly Star, Montreal, stands supreme to-
day among farm papers, while its
magazine section is easily at the head
of the list.

Kiefer's Theatre

--- Irma ---

ANOTHER
GOOD SHOW
AS
USUAL
WEDNESDAY
Show at 8.30 P.M.

We wish all our Patrons
COMPLIMENTS
OF THE SEASON

When--

in Edmonton

— Visit the —

Monarch,
Princess and
Dreamland
Theatres

The Leading Family
Theatres in the City.

Now is the time of the year to ad-
vertise for those stray horses and cat-
tles. A small ad in this paper will
help you.

Full particulars gladly given by any Canadian National Agent, or
write J. MADILL, District Passenger Agent, Edmonton.

Canadian National Railways

THIS WINTER---

Make a visit with your relatives and
friends. They will want to see you and
know how you have prospered in this
fair land.

OUR

Low Fares

make it easy for you to get away—just
make up your mind you're going, and
the local agent of the Canadian Na-
tional will arrange all the details of
the trip.

Canadian National through trains pass
through a territory replete with scenic
grandeur, of historical and educational val-
ue to the traveller. On its trains will be
found companions jolly and likeable—an
infectious air of friendliness and goodfel-
lowship. There is nothing superior to the
Canadian National sleeping and dining car
service. Radio-receiving service is an ad-
ded feature on the through trains.

PACK UP —AND— GO TO

Eastern Canada

Excursion Tickets on Sale Dec. 1st to
Jan. 5th.
Return within three months from date of Sale

OR TO

Central States

Excursion Tickets on Sale Dec. 1st to
Jan. 5th.
Return within three months from date of sale

OR TO

Pacific Coast

Certain Dates in Dec., Jan. and Feb.
Return any time up to April 15th, 1929

CHOICE OF ROUTES - - - STOPOVERS



Sour Stomach

Just a tasteless dose of Phillips' Milk of Magnesia in water. That is an alkali, effective, yet harmless. It has been the standard antacid for 50 years among physicians everywhere. One spoonful will neutralize at once many times its volume in acid. It is the right way, the quick, pleasant and efficient way to kill the excess acid. The stomach becomes sweet, the pain disappears. You are happy again in five minutes.

Don't depend on crude methods. Enjoy the best way yet evolved in all the years of searching. That is Phillips' Milk of Magnesia. Be sure to get the genuine Phillips' Milk of Magnesia prescribed by physicians for 50 years in correcting excess acids. Each bottle contains full directions—any drugstore.

What Is Prosperity?

In a recent address before a large gathering of merchants, Mr. Edward A. Filene, a leading merchant of Boston; discussed the rapid development and success of the "chain store," the problems now confronting wholesalers and retailers, and the policies which merchants in general must adopt if they are to survive in the new merchandizing era upon which the world has entered. In the course of this address the question appearing at the head of this article arose. Said Mr. Filene:

"General business can be permanently prosperous only when millions of people—that is, the masses—have buying power. Their purchases add to the prosperity of merchants, and the larger orders of merchants make the manufacturers prosperous, and factories running at higher capacity enable more workers to earn more money. It is a happy cycle in which prosperity begets prosperity. It is 'companionate prosperity' based on the buying power of the masses, because for any one of us to enjoy the greatest possible permanent prosperity, the masses of our citizens must have buying power."

"Prosperity," continued Mr. Filene, "is not wealth but buying power and this buying power must be enjoyed, not by a relatively few wealthy persons but by millions of consumers. If we merchants had the chance to distribute a billion dollars to the residents of our trade area, we would not use that power to create a thousand millionaires; we would rather divide it up among 100,000 buyers, giving each one \$10,000, or we might decide to give \$5,000 to 200,000 buyers. But however we divided this wealth we would not use our opportunity to make a few millionaires because the ordinary merchant cannot depend on the trade of the wealthy for his sales and profits."

"The business successes of the future are going to be made by those who produce and distribute commodities in terms of millions. But this can be done only if industry creates consumers as well as products. Prosperity is not concentrated wealth but distributed buying power."

How, then, is the average merchant to compete with the "chain stores" and the huge departmental stores, which are rapidly developing into chains of huge departmental stores? These latter buy in enormous quantities and at the lowest possible prices. Their turnover is prodigious, and because of that fact, an extremely small profit on each item means enormous profits in the aggregate.

In a word, future successful merchandizing must be based on mass production, at low production costs, and low profits per article. Therefore waste cannot be tolerated in any form, including distribution. The "chain store" and the large departmental stores have been created in recognition of these facts.

The independent merchant must likewise realize and face the situation with which he is confronted, but in Mr. Filene's opinion, "independent merchants can not only meet the chain competition but beat it through co-operative associations organized on the principles that have made the chain stores so successful. Then, with the personal management of the owner, they can out-do the chain stores because the invaluable element of personal management cannot be wholly secured from hired managers."

This is to say, independent merchants must join forces through the organization of co-operative associations for the purchase of goods and thereby buy more cheaply and enormously reduce distribution costs. But they must go farther than that, in Mr. Filene's opinion. They must individually and co-operatively wage warfare on all waste. "Merchandizing," he says, "is not a war between the independents and the chains, but a war against waste. Retailers must reduce costs if they hope to survive, for we are entering a period of competition in which a terrific fight is being waged for the consumer's dollar. Now food and rent take a large share of it; there is not much left for those of us who are selling other things. Our security lies in making the consumer's dollar bigger by eliminating waste—not only waste in distribution but waste of every kind. Therefore, as merchants, we must take an interest in things not ordinarily thought to be any of our business—in fighting graft and special privilege, in improving health and housing conditions. They take toll from the consumer's dollar, and the more they take the less there is for us."

Here in Western Canada merchants should be in the forefront in endeavoring to reduce the fire loss, in combatting noxious weeds which take their toll of tens of millions of dollars annually, and in actively co-operating with the farmer in all those things which will make agriculture a more paying proposition.

Want To Ban Flyers

Los Angeles Poultry Keepers and Film Men Object To Noise

Airplane pilots in and around Los Angeles have a new worry. First, they were ordered by a poultrymen's association to keep away from chicken yards, since roosting planes frightened the hens until they refused to lay eggs for weeks at a time. Then, residents around the airports threatened suits and sought injunctions because the propellers kicked up dust. Now, letters have begun to come to airport officials that planes be kept from flying over the studios.

The airplanes make so much noise that they can't take 'talkies' without every scene sounding like a reproduction of a saw-mill," one company wrote, "please tell your flyers to fly some place else."

ST. VITUS DANCE

A Trouble That Usually Attacks Young Children

St. Vitus Dance is the name generally given to a disease described by medical men as chorea. This trouble usually attacks young children, though older people may be afflicted with it. The most common symptoms are a twitching of the face and limbs. As the disease progresses the twitching takes the form of spasms, in which the jerking motions may be confined to the face or all the limbs may be affected. Frequently the patient is unable to hold anything in the hands or to walk steadily. In severe cases the speech is often affected. The disease is due to debility of the nerves and relief comes through an enriched blood supply. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been most successful in reaching this trouble through their specific action on the blood, which it enriches and purifies. The following instance proves the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in this trouble. Mrs. Thomas Bowen, Bath, Ont., says:—"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been in use in my family for years and always with good results. I believe they saved the life of my only son. At ten years of age he grew very nervous and the trouble developed into St. Vitus Dance. His legs and arms would jerk and twitch, and his speech was affected, and his condition was pitiable. Just then there came to me a little book telling of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to give them to him. By the time two boxes were used there was an improvement in his condition and by the time six boxes were taken all traces of the trouble had disappeared, and he was well and strong. I have also given the pills to my growing girls, and I know of their strengthening medicine. I may add that the same applies to grown-ups as well."

You can get these pills through any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Must Pay Bills

Students In Manila Must Have Clean Record Before Graduation

Recorded board bills have been added to the prerequisites of degrees granted by the University of the Philippines.

Following loud complaints by owners of Manila boarding houses, dormitories and restaurants, concerning the alleged prevalence of "deadbeats" among their student patrons, university authorities have announced that failure to pay bills will be considered ground for refusing graduation.

Examination of the list of student delinquents showed that the poor students virtually all had paid their bills, while the well-to-do—or at least extravagant—were often habitual "bad pay."

Check Colds with Minard's Liniment

A Perishable Parcel

A 7 months old baby was part of one regular air mail parcel post sent to Guayaquil, Ecuador from Buenaventura, Colombia. The infant bore a tag marked "Perishable, please rush." It was laughing happily when postal officials handed it to its father through the regular parcel window.

An excellent protection against worms can be got in Miller's Worm Powders. They render the stomach and intestines untenantable to them. They heal the surfaces that have become inflamed by the attacks of the parasites and serve to restore the strength of the child that has been undermined by the draughts that the worms have made upon it, and their operation is altogether health-giving.

Canada Live Stock

The total numbers of farm live stock in Canada, as in June, 1928, are estimated as follows: Horses, 3,376,394; milch cows, 3,792,522; other cattle, 5,000,750; total cattle 8,787,272; sheep, 3,415,788; swine, 4,497,367; hens and chickens, 49,592,855; turkeys, 2,985,787; geese, 1,135,047; ducks, 995,840; total poultry, 53,779,539.

Minard's Liniment for Grippe.

W. N. U. 1763

THE WRIGLEY MARATHON



William Wrigley, Jr., who says the next Wrigley marathon will not be held in the waters of Lake Ontario as it is too cool for the swimmers. He has not decided, however, where it will be.

Inbred Love For Horses

No Doubt Regarding the Place That Man's Noblest Friend Holds In The Affections Of Human Race

No one who has been to the Coliseum during the past week and has seen the immense audience that gathers nightly for the horse show can have any doubts regarding the place that the horse still holds in the affection of men and women. It is sometimes said that this is a mechanical age and that the ultimate dream of man's noblest friend is written on the wall. It is not so. That the automobile has largely supplanted the horse in matters of transportation must be admitted, but the splendid animal is still being bred and cultivated for various purposes on a scale that most people little dream of. The tremendous applause that greets the various horse events at the Royal, the murmured comments and the outspoken commendation of huckneys or hunters tell of deep-seated admiration that nothing can destroy. The love of good horses and good horsemanship seems to be a natural instinct of every human being. It may be an inherited characteristic, of course, having its origin far back in the days when the horse was the mighty factor in war and in peace and in the building up of civilizations. Whatever its origin, it is there, and the Royal Winter Fair is doing its best to see that the instinct is cultivated and maintained.—Toronto Globe.

A Mechanical Cashier

New Invention Makes Accurate Change and Gives Receipt

A machine that calculates change, delivers the right amount to the customer in a fraction of a second, and totals up the money received for the day or week was seen at the recent Inventors' Exhibition, in London. It is different from a machine that simply pays out money from a key-board. The new invention does more; it does the thinking for the cashier or shopkeeper. If, for example, someone tends £1 for a farthing bill, the operator presses the £1 stop key and the farthing sales key, and the machine delivers 11s. 3d., including a neatly folded ten-shilling note and a dated receipt. A bell rings when a coin magazine is getting empty.

Two years were spent on drawings and calculations before a model was made, for there are 949 different amounts of money in the change for a one-pound note, and several thousand different combinations in all of the tenders possible of one pound and less.

A safe and sure medicine for a child troubled with worms is Mother Graves' Worm Extirminator.

New Hotel For Vancouver

Actual work on the construction of the Canadian National Railway hotel at Vancouver, commenced when Mayor L. D. Taylor blew the whistle on a steam shovel which started excavation work. The new structure will be 15 stories with 600 rooms, and when completed early in 1931, will have cost more than \$1,000,000.

Sores Heal Quickly.—Have you a persistent sore that refuses to heal? Then, try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the dressing. It will stop sloughing, carry away the pus, and draw out the pus and prepare a clean way for the new skin. It is a recognized healer among oils and numbers of people can testify that it healed where property applied.

The quantity of water underground beneath the crust of the earth's surface is nearly one-third the total volume of the oceanic waters.

Botanists say that no two leaves and no two blades of grass have ever been found to correspond exactly.

Keeping People On Land

Hallan Farmers Cannot Move Into Cities Without Permission

Benito Mussolini has been warring the big stick again—for the good of his country.

His latest decree is that agricultural workers in certain areas cannot move into the cities without special permission, and that former agricultural workers now in the cities must go back to the land.

That is a drastic method of coping with the problem of rural depopulation; too drastic for adoption in any other land.

Yet there is something to be said for both sides of the question in these days of universal decline of the rural areas by the migration of agricultural workers to the urban areas and the bright lights.

The main objection to the Mussolini decree—and it is a very strong one—is that it is an interference with the liberty of the subject.

On the other hand, it is a good thing for the welfare of the state.

In nearly every country there are not enough people on the land. And there are too many people in the cities.

Cities are full of misfits. Boys brought up on farms hanker for city life. Some succeed, and because of their rural upbringing, and because they are of the right fibre, they become successful men. Most of them, however, never rise out of the common run. They would have made better farmers than artisans.

Benito has the right idea, but perhaps, he has the wrong way of attaining it.

Reject Lovat Scheme

Government Of Canada Has Alternative Suggestions Under Consideration

The government of Canada, said Rt. Hon. L. C. Amery, secretary for the Dominions in the British House of Commons recently, has not accepted the scheme of migration put forward by Lord Lovat, chairman of the Overseas Settlement Board, but alternative suggestions are under discussion.

The scheme sponsored by Lord Lovat provided for migration to Canada and called for Imperial, Canadian and Canadian provincial governments' co-operation. It would have a system of loans to British youths and co-operation in providing cottages on the land. It was chiefly directed to greatly stimulating the family settlement schemes.

For Sprains and Bruises.—There is nothing better for sprains and contusions than Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It will reduce the swelling that follows a sprain, will cool the inflamed flesh and draw the pain. It will take the ache out of a bruise by counteracting the inflammation. A trial will convince any who doubt its power.

Farmer (to horse-dealer).—"No I don't bear ye no malice; I only hope that when you are chased by a pack of ravening wolves you'll be drivin' that horse you sold me."

Picture telegraph service has been started between Berlin, Germany, and Vienna, Austria.

CATARRH VICKS VAPORUB

Over 21 Million Jars Used Yearly

RUG YARN

\$1.15 per pound up. Twenty-one samples free.—Stocking & Yarn Mills, Dept. 17, Orillia, Ont.

Stock Breeder Is Honored

J. D. McGregor, Of Brandon, Is Paid Fitting Honor At Chicago

Signal honor was paid James D. McGregor, of Brandon, breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle, and one of Manitoba's first citizens, at Chicago recently, when his portrait in oils was hung on the walls of the Saddle and Sirocco Club, an honor reserved especially for those who win the respect and esteem of the stockmen of North America by their prowess in the breeding of livestock beyond the usual sphere. At the luncheon given in his honor at the club, and at which the portrait was unveiled, were gathered together many of the outstanding stockmen of the continent to add their word of appreciation of Mr. McGregor's success.

Estimates Weight Of Earth

Chicago Man Revises Figures Given Thirty Years Ago

With her daughters striving earnestly to reduce, old mother earth has just learned that she is some 52,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons heavier than had hitherto been known.

Dr. Paul R. Heyl, of the United States bureau of standards at Washington announced the revised figures in a speech at Cooper Union. Five years ago he set about the task of weighing the earth to get a result more exact than the estimate of six sextillion—the figure of six followed by 21 cipher-tens arrived at about 30 years ago by an English scientist and a retired Jesuit in a Bohemian monastery, working independently. Dr. Heyl's calculations indicate the earth weighs somewhat more than six sextillion 692 quintillion tons.

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Japan Displays Sea Power

The greatest display of sea power ever gathered together in Far Eastern waters passed for inspection before the newly enthroned Emperor Hirohito, in the grand entourage of naval review. Approximately 80 fighting ships of all classes took part, ranging from the great super-dreadnaughts Mutsu and Nagato down to destroyers and gunboats.

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23 Universities In Canada
The latest tabulation of registrations at the 23 universities of Canada shows a total of 42,546 students, 26,589 men, and 15,957 women. The highest registration is at the University of Montreal with 9,749 followed by Laval at Quebec, with 5,644, McGill at Montreal, 2,722, Toronto, 5,829, and Queen's at Kingston, Ontario, 3,412.

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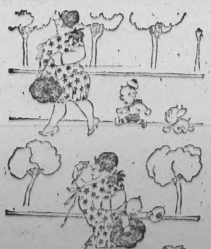
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Frontier Being Pushed Back In Northern Trend of Agricultural Development in Western Canada

The great activity which is taking place in Western Canada in the settlement of new territories is clearly evident from the filings on homesteaded lands. The monthly statements of homestead entries compiled by the Dominion Lands Administration, Department of the Interior, show that in October, there was registered the greatest gain for any month in 1928. In every month of 1928 much larger numbers of settlers had taken up homesteads than in the corresponding months of 1927, the gains ranging from 33 per cent in January, to 308 per cent in October. After some slackening off in homesteading activity in September, during the harvest season, the rush of settlers took a fresh spurt in October, and homestead entries leaped to the high for the year with 1988 homesteads entered for in the month in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. This figure compared with 487 in October of 1927. For the first ten months of the year, the total number of homesteads filed on is well over double that of the previous year, the summary showing 15,521 free homesteads taken up compared with 5,172 in the corresponding period of 1927. This is a gain of 123 per cent.

In commenting on the figures on the filing of Dominion Lands, the Department of the Interior, through its Natural Resources Intelligence Service, remarks that the taking up of the free homesteads clearly indicates the northern trend of development in agriculture in Western Canada. Summing up the monthly figures by land agencies, these show that the frontier is being just as steadily pushed back in the agricultural regions of the Prairie Provinces by the homesteaders as it is in other sections of Canada by the mining, and pulp, and paper developments, etc.

While the figures for the southern agencies at Moose Jaw, Lethbridge and Calgary, show that homesteading is not over on the southern prairies, and that in fact considerable increases are recorded at these points, it is in the north that the most remarkable progress has been made. This is entirely to be expected; nevertheless the figures are illuminating in indicating just how great the march of progress has been. At Prince Albert, representing the northern half of Saskatchewan, 2,855 homesteads were filed on in ten months, compared with 1501 in the corresponding period of 1927, a gain of 90 per cent. At Edmonton, representing central Alberta, 2,240 homesteads were taken up to October 31, compared with 1,143 in the same time in 1927, an increase of 96 per cent. But it is in the Peace River country, which the spot light shines with of northern Alberta, and British Columbia, that the greatest intensity on the activities in taking up the federal government's free homestead lands. At the Grand Prairie and Peace River agencies the total number of homesteads entered for in the first ten months of the year was 4,178, compared with 894 in the corresponding months of 1927, a gain of 367 per cent. These figures represent the totals for the Peace River section of both Alberta and British Columbia. That the prospective settlers are not stopping at the Alberta boundary in their search for desirable lands, but are pushing across into what is known as the Peace River Block, in British Columbia, is evident from a consideration of the separate filings at the Grand Prairie and Peace River agencies on lands in British Columbia. The entries for homesteads in the Peace River Block of British Columbia, in the first ten months of 1928, total 515, as compared with 36 in the corresponding period of 1927, a thirteen-fold increase.



How the handing made the boy happy.—Buen Humor, Madrid.

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Taking the figures for totals by provinces, in 1928, up to October 31, a decrease of 19 per cent. is shown in Manitoba, with homesteads filed on numbering 463 against 576 in October 31, 1927; in Saskatchewan the year's total was 3,500 compared with 2,311, an increase of 73 per cent; in Alberta, 6,471 compared with 2,194, a gain of 195 per cent; and in British Columbia, 593 as against 91, a gain of 553 per cent.

Up to October, the total amount of free federal government land taken up in the four western provinces of Canada was in the neighborhood of 1,800,000 acres. The number of souls represented by the 15,521 homestead entries totals 30,015. The statistics show a considerable number of Americans, the statistics up homesteaded lands in Western Canada during the past year, the total entries by persons coming from the United States in the ten months being 1,134, or almost 10 per cent. of the total. While practically every state in the Union is represented in the influx of Americans, the states of North Dakota and Minnesota stand out prominently as the source of a great number of the new Canadian farmers.

Origin Of Sea Names

Interesting Meaning Attached To Words In Common Use

Admiral is not an English word. Its origin was Emir el Bagh, which is Arabic for "Lord of the sea." The term captain comes to us direct from the Latin caput, meaning head. The covekain was originally the man who pulled the after-oar of the captain's boat, then known as the "cock's boat." Cock-boat itself is a corruption of the word coracle, a small round boat used for fishing. Commodore is nothing more than the Italian Comandante, meaning head. Frequently we hear about "Davy Jones." There was of course no such person, but should you speak of "Duffy Jones's Locker," you have the original phrase. Duffy is the West Indian Negro term for the spirit of Jonah. The term "dog watch" is a corruption of "dog's watch," the "dog's" being an arrangement to prevent men from being on duty every day at the same hours. The starboard side of a ship was at one time the starboard side, in memory of the Anglo-Saxons who used to steer their boats by putting "dog" on the right-hand side of the stern. The larboard (now known as the port side) is a corruption of lower board, which was always considered inferior to the starboard.

Pleasure and Profit In Work

Creative Energy Carried Into Activity That Makes Work Delightful

When he was well past eighty, Dr. Harvey Wiley said that his plan of meeting old age and keeping it at bay was to do a little more work every year than he had done the year before. Most persons would be more youthful and happy in age, if they did a little more work than those around them usually think they should do. This work should not be drudgery, but something in which they can express themselves. It is the creative spirit, the creative energy in us carried into activity, that makes work delightful and gives it the rejuvenating quality that fends off age.

An English writer, Edgar Wallace, has recently come into prominence because of the prodigious amount of creative work he carries out every year. Mr. Wallace has produced twenty-six readable novels and six plays in a single year. And the plays are good plays, too. Six of them are running in England now. His novels are popular reading at our public library.

Mr. Wallace has the assistance of secretaries who take his rapid dictation, read proofs and attend to the mechanical part of the work. But the creative part of it is his alone. His case recalls the remark of William James that we are mhm m hm m James, that we all have reservoirs of energy that are never tapped.—Minneapolis Journal.

Value Of School Activity

A valuable feature of the present-day school training is the attention which is being given to public speaking in the schools. The immediate result is that many children barely started in their teens can outdo their fathers and grandfathers as speakers. The ability to think on one's feet is an asset for which many men today would give thousands, but it can best be developed during early school years.

Protein Content Of Wheat

Committee On Grain Research and Grain Drying To Make Report Soon

To continue the study of protein content of wheat as requested at the last session of the House of Commons, Dr. H. M. Tory, chairman, National Research Council; L. H. Boyd, chief grain commissioner; Dr. F. J. Birchard, chemist in charge, grain research laboratory, Winnipeg; and Dr. Robert Newton, of the University of Alberta, will go to Minneapolis.

They will there examine certain phases of the United States conditions. Dr. Tory said he was hoping that the report would be ready in time for the next session of the House of Commons.

At a meeting in Winnipeg of the associate committee on grain research the final report on grain drying was under consideration. It was intimated that the general conclusions arrived at would be announced shortly.

Dr. Tory stated that the National Committee was preparing to consider the whole question of weeds as suggested at the recent convention of agronomists. When he was in Europe during the past year he made a study of chemical methods of treatment.

Impressed With Canada

Sir Austen Chamberlain Says Dominion Has a Great Future

Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, made his first public speech at Birmingham, following his return from a tour abroad, during which his health was restored.

Sir Austen said that he had come back from Canada not merely profoundly impressed with the progress of the Dominion, but still more struck with the immense future which was open there "for the youth and enterprise of our race." He had made it his business, he said, to find out about the men who went to Canada from Great Britain for harvesting work. He had been told that many of them had decided to settle in Canada and were "the kind of stuff Canada needed" and the kind of men who would make good there.

The Blondin Daring

Descendants Of Famous Acrobat Do Hair-Raising Stunts

Daredevilry equal to that of Blondin, who walked across the Niagara Falls on a tight-rope, still lives in the famous acrobat's descendants. Not long ago one of Blondin's grandsons walked across a chain stretched between two high rocks in Cornwall, England, while one of his brothers recently stretched a rope between the tops of the masts of a ship and then walked the rope, although the sea was none too calm.

Too many people take the steering wheel and the speed laws into their own hands at the same time.

FAMOUS CRIMINOLOGIST



Adolf Maximilian Langner without the mask! This picture of the criminologist who promised to solve the mystery of the disappearance of Ambrose Small, the multi-millionaire theatrical magnate, is said to be the first one taken in the east without his face being disguised.

Empire Dinners

Everything Needed For Nine Course Dinner Can Be Produced Within Empire

The Empire Marketing Board's little book on "Empire Dinners"—two to a month, and each designed by an eminent artist in that way—gives plenty of tests more severe than the artistically simple Christmas dinner. From the cocktail to the coffee, from the grapefruit to the grapes, seven, eight, nine courses can be made up without buying a pennyworth of anything outside the Empire. And since we have every climate and every season within our borders, and cold storage has annihilated distance, we may dine as elegantly, as exotically, as we choose.—London Times.

Cuban Is Erratic Eater

Dinner At Nine O'clock At Night Is Banquet

The Cuban is perhaps the world's most erratic eater. His morning meal consists of only a cup of strong coffee taken when he first gets up. At about 10 o'clock he will have more coffee with buttered toast. At noon he forgets luncheon and at 4 o'clock has still more coffee and a light lunch. His real meal comes at night about 9 o'clock, when dinner is a banquet and attended with all pomp and ceremony. There are no set rules of hours and coffee shops remain open day and night.

Now You Tell One

Commercial Traveller—"My firm just engaged 10 men to do nothing but pump water to damp stamps. Our business is so large."

Rival—"That's nothing. Our business is so large that the head book-keeper has to go by car from debt to credit in his cash book."

Story of Milling Industry And Bread Making Dates Back To Dawn of History

Plan Building On Mount Of Olives

Land Has Been Donated For Erection Of Bible Institution

The Sunday School Times, of Philadelphia, announced that through the gift of a woman, who prefers to remain anonymous, a piece of land has been purchased on the Mount of Olives, facing Jerusalem, for the Travel Institute of Bible Research.

The land, which borders the traditional site of Christ's weeping over Jerusalem, a few minutes walk east of the Brook Kidron, and above the Garden of Gethsemane, is said to be the first tract to be owned on the Mount of Olives proper by a Protestant Church organization.

An undenominational Protestant Bible study centre is to be erected on the land when funds are available, the announcement said. Until then the land is to be converted into garden with retreats for praying and meditation.

Purebred Shorthorn Cattle

Sale Of Cattle Imported From Scotland Is Held At Calgary

A sale of purebred Shorthorn cattle imported from Scotland, which was held at Calgary, Alberta, recently, was attended by stock raisers from all parts of the West and from the United States. Good prices were obtained, the average for males being \$1,002, and for females \$679. The highest price was \$2,200, this being paid by Prof. Carlyle, superintendent of the Prince of Wales' ranch, for Balmain Rotax, a 2-year-old bull from the famous breeding establishment of F. L. Wallace, Old Meldrum, Aberdeenshire. In all 17 bulls and 14 females were sold.

Sabbath Observance

On a certain Monday morning the minister of a church in the country was the recipient of a basket of apples brought to him by a little girl of the parish.

"Thank you very much, my dear," said the minister. "They are lovely. I do hope, however, you did not gather them yesterday—the Sabbath?"

"No sir," replied the child. "I got them early this morning, but still you may not want them. You see, they were growing all day yesterday!"

Grain Shipments From Fort William

With the close of navigation on the Great Lakes, the grain shipments from Fort William and Port Arthur, Ontario at the head of Lake Superior will, it is estimated, total 380,000,000 bushels, the largest on record.

The Royal Ontario Museum, after years of search, has just been enabled to complete the story of bread with data relative to a conical Roman mill recently uncovered in London, England. The only other mills of this type were found in Pompeii, standing as the slaves had left them when they fled from destruction.

Speaking of the Roman mill as a "tremendous discovery," C. T. Curdell, Director of Archaeology, outlined the story of milling—one of the oldest industries—as it will soon be displayed in the museum.

Even at the dawn of history the Britons were bothered by their damp climate. Long before the Romans came they had built kilns to dry the grain which they had to cut damp. The first milling was arduous and strenuous, consisting of crushing the grain between two specially shaped stones. The interesting feature of this is that exactly the same means was used by the west coast Indians of America. In fact, it was used by every race in the world. Originally an ancient Egyptian or Asiatic discovery it spread slowly and mysteriously among all mankind before the beginning of history.

The next step was taken two or three hundred years before the Christian era. The new process consisted of laboriously turning one stone on top of another. This method is still found throughout the east where the awkward work is done by the women, the men from time immemorial having managed to shirk it.

With the advent of large towns a better mill had to be invented and some ingenious Roman applied a proper leverage principle to the stones and made them conical so that the grain would fall away when ground. Instead of part of it being ground endlessly in the same place.

Einstein Has Theory

About Famous Violins

Modern Makers Cannot Imitate Sound To Machine Made Instrument

Prof. Einstein, whose theory of "relativity" has made him one of the most famous living scientists, also has theory in regard to the famous violins of Cremona. An exchange quotes him as saying:

"Violin makers in Berlin claim to have discovered the secret of making instruments like the old Cremona Strads, etc., but I do not believe they can do it."

"The great violins of olden days were made by highly sensitive artists who had an understanding of their craft that can not be reduced to rules and formulas. It was no special wood or varnish or size or shape that gave the violins their rare quality." The makers imparted their souls to the instruments in a manner which defies scientists who rely upon mathematics, physics, and chemistry to explain them.

"The old instruments were individual and personal creations. The new ones are 'mass products.' Mass production can never achieve what individual production can."

Balance Of Power

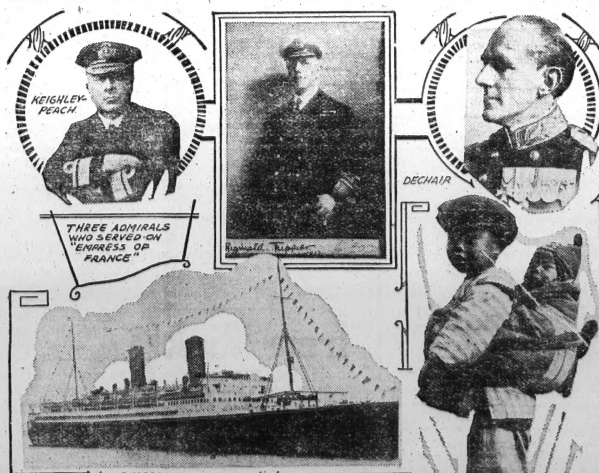
Balance of Power is a phrase which is generally incorrectly used. Balance, of power implies an attempt to make one side potentially stronger than the other, and for the most part, the so-called balance of power in Europe is the preponderance of certain forces. In any event, both sides strive to become preponderant. British policy since the war has on the whole, tended towards the redressing of the balance that was so badly upset. It has not been very successful.—Sisley Huddleston in the New Statesman, London.

All the big nations have agreed not to go to war, so they are now building war-ships to give the sailors a ride.



"Heavens you want to take our money from us!" "Well, you were trying to take it from each other."—Meggendorfer Blaetter, Munich.

Famous Atlantic Liner to Make Her Pacific Debut



In this modern age, speed is of paramount importance, whether it be over land, on the sea, or in the air. Busy executives and perishable commodities must arrive at their destinations in as short a time as possible, and all modern science and human ingenuity have been devoted to this end. In this connection it is interesting to learn that the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of France," the fastest passenger vessel in regular service between Canada and Europe, has been transferred to the Pacific where she will vie with the White

Ensign for the speed record between Vancouver and the Orient.

During the World War, the "Empress of France" was chosen because of her speed to be flagship of the 10th Auxiliary Cruiser Squadron of the British Navy. Under the command of Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair she intercepted nearly 10,000 vessels plying between Canada and Europe and prevented tons of contraband materials from falling into the hands of the enemy. Early this year the "Empress" made a cruise from New York to South America and Africa,

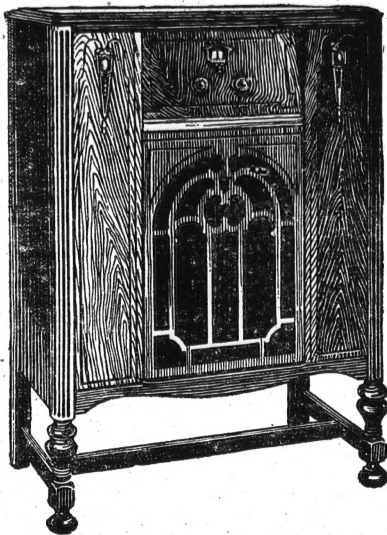
"Little Father," Hong Kong

touching at the lonely Isle of Tristan da Cunha en route, but another vessel of her fleet, the "Duchess of Atholl" of 20,000 gross tons, will make this "cruise of contrast" in 1929. The "Empress of France" is of 15,350 gross registered tons and was twice chosen by the Prince of Wales to carry him to Canada.

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The most successful method of carrying the health message to the individual is through the Public Health Nurse. She might well be called the Health Teacher of the community, because that is what she is. By word of mouth she imparts health knowledge; by demonstration she shows how to put such knowledge into practice; by encouragement she helps through difficult times that require perseverance; by planning with the mother, she aids in securing proper food for the family.

Because her work is done mostly with individuals, it is not seen by the masses. Because it is not seen, because it does not advertise itself, there is not the general appreciation of it that there should be. It is not known, as it deserves to be, that the education of mothers as to the care of their babies, by public health nurses, is the greatest factor in the reduction of infant deaths. Mothering do not know by instinct how to care for their babies; they must be taught. Friendly neighbors and the woman who knows all about babies because "she has buried six" do not make good teachers. The Public Health Nurse is trained; she has modern knowledge to impart.

The citizen who desires to have the babies in his community protected from disease and their health promoted, should see that there is a sufficient number of Public Health Nurses to serve the community in which he lives.

The Wastebasket

"Do you enjoy the late songs of the day?" a citizen here was asked by a friend last week. "I probably wouldn't," he replied, "if the neighbor's radio didn't transform them into the late songs of the night."

"This photograph doesn't look at all like my wife," complained a citizen in a neighboring town to the photographer. "I know that very well," replied the photographer, "because your wife is so very well pleased with it."

Heard among the girls at the post-office lobby: "Why are men like mosquitoes?" "I can't guess, why?" "Because they are easier to catch after a full meal."

HARDEST JOBS IN WORLD
If you think you have a hard job, just try some of the following hardest jobs in the world:

Drilling holes in macaroni.
Trying to catch rats by making a noise like a piece of cheese.

Trying to scratch your right elbow with your right hand.
For an elephant to kick a flea in the shins.

Stuffing a rat hole with butter with a red hot awl.

Trying to blow a hole in a mosquito with a howitzer.

Quenching an elephants thirst with an eye dropper.

Killing fleas on a fly paper with a ball bat.

Pull a flea's whiskers with a pair of ice tongs.

Bail out Niagara Falls with a sieve.

Shooting a pimple off a flea's nose with an old-fashioned musket.

A VARIETY GIFTS

Oilecloth is another thing that may be used in a variety of articles, in quite pleasing fashion. The writer saw some very pretty curtain holders this summer made from clothes pins and the pebbled white oilecloth. The oilecloth was cut to form butterfly wings, and tinted with gold and black. It was then gathered into the clothes pin and pin in turn colored to represent the butterfly's body. These artistic novelties sold for \$1.50 a pair. A clever worker might reproduce them at small cost. More simple things to manufacture are mats for children's places at table, cut from oilecloth, ornamented with enamel, for the purpose. The mats might even be in the shape of animals or birds.

Another gift that would appeal to some children would be a scrap book, into which was pasted a collection of the well-known Perry prints. The writer has a collection of a very popular childhood card game, along the line of the old "Happy Family." In this case, however, sets had to be completed of charming little reproductions of famous pictures—some of the best known of landseer, Turner, Hogarth, and others. We loved the pictures and from that game gained a fair knowledge of such well-known works of art. From the Perry Company reproductions of many of the world's famous pictures can be secured for one or two cents apiece up.

Then, don't forget the useful kewpie doll. It can be turned into the most attractive sachets or cushions, with scraps of organdy, lace and ribbon. A little gold paint can be used to color its feet, or turn the crown of its head into a smart, little cap. The black kewpies combine well with red ribbon or red silk. Kewpies can also be used to make novel ends for blind cords. Wind wool around your hand in a loop. Slip it off, and put kewpie into it, tying it firmly at each side of kewpie with strands of wool. Then cut ends of loop to form fringe at side of kewpie. Crochet wool cord and attach to ring on blind. Gilded or colored fringes also make bright ends for cords.

Potted flowers are often suggested for gifts, and make pleasing ones. Before giving them, however, take different colored enamel, and decorate the pot. This is a change to a crepe paper cover.

In conclusion, the writer can only state that all articles mentioned cost well beneath the dollar, and they are all feasible for the home-maker. Try them out and see whether they may not be of some use to solve the Christmas-gift problem this year.

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A Christmas Message

By Rev. J. W. Bainbridge, M. A., Pastor Viking United Church.

INCARNATION

While we are being caught in the whirl of Christmas celebration, it might be a pertinent question to ask, what does this Festival really mean to us? It is a truly happy season, and therefore savors of the Kingdom of God. Indeed, this festive season gives unparalleled opportunities for all classes to express something of the nature of God Himself. Therefore, one hesitates to criticize such a celebration. Yet it is possible to have a Festival of this sort without any real Christmas. We may pass through a veritable orgy of giving without approaching the real meaning of the Great Gift which Christmas was once supposed to typify. To day for many people this Festival would mean as much by other names than Christmas. Is it not true that with all the Season's symbols we are most at home with Santa Claus—the fat merry philanthropic man who is bringing us gifts?

Let us ask ourselves just now, What was the Original meaning of Christmas? The word itself suggests an adequate reply—it was "The Mass of the Christ." The word Mass means "to send." Therefore Christmas meant the celebration of the fact that Christ was sent. Christmas, then, grew out of the fact that once, supremely, something happened in the eternal quest of man reaching out towards God and God seeking to uplift man. The original celebration of Christmas was the affirmation of human souls, in the face of a brutal world, that God has given practical evidence that He really cares for us; indeed, this Festival is a testimony that God Himself is involved in our fate, that God Himself is incorporated in securing our Victory. Christmas in a word, was and should still be, the celebration of the fact that God came into Human Life.

That is the whole Gospel as it is contained in the New Testament, and as it is presented by the Christian Church. The one supreme fact which Paul, in all his writings, desires to get into the lives of the new churches is that the Almighty, Eternal God became Man in order that man might share all the glory of His Nature. This is no theological doctrine; it is too often obscured when we try to make it such. Paul was a real man, writing or preaching to actual people, and the whole substance of his message comes to them dripping with this all satisfying truth, that God has become man in order that man might become the same as God. Later on, when the Gospels were written, the whole burden of their message was and is—God in Christ has become man, and in this way He is seeking to save, redeem, and eternally establish man. That is the meaning of all those beautiful pictorial stories from which we have derived our Christmas Carols. "Veiled in Flesh the Godhead see! Hail the Incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with Me to dwell, Jesus our Emanuel!" That is the meaning of the Temptations—God in a human life wrestling with the problems of human experience. That is the meaning of all the Miracles—God identifying Himself with human suffering and yet revealing that He transcends suffering and can overcome it. That is the meaning of Jesus' sentiments—the thoughts I have, the words I speak, the works I do, the power I have, are not my own but the Father's Who dwells in Me. That is the meaning of the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the after-Resurrection scenes.—God is identified with man in all phases of his life, including his death, and when man wills to be one with Him, then man rises triumphantly and eternally through all the processes of human life to the greater Spiritual Realm. Now do we wonder that the Early Church set aside this Holy Day, this Sacred Celebration of the fact that "The Tabernacle of God is with men?"

Now, in the light of the foregoing, let us ask, What should Christmas mean to us today? I think the fact that the coming of Jesus took place more than 1900 years ago, and the early church stressed His coming as a historic fact rather than a continual Glorious Experience, is one of the reasons why people have lost the real significance of Christmas and changed it into a holiday. Our great need today is to realize that Christmas has an immense Present Tense meaning. God was not only Incarnate in Jesus, but He is vitally present in human experience today. Jesus' message to His disciples was and is—as the Father dwells in Me. He will also dwell in you and ever live with you and through you. The present message of Christmas is, and should be, that God is Eternally becoming man until the nature of God springs up in and transforms humanity into the Nature of Himself. We are not worms, nor mere toys, nor even machines, but we are co-partners with Him so that we may attain the

stature and the calibre of His Children. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself," and now He continues to be in those Who, like Christ, choose to be one with Him, still seeking to reconcile the world unto Himself. Therefore, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." The Christmas Message for 1928 is not "God was in the World, but rather God is in the world, and in every sense that He was expressed in Jesus."

What a difference it would make to us, if, in times of sickness, we could genuinely realize that God is actually identified with us in our suffering, and is saying to us, as in days of yore, "Wilt thou be made whole?" What a transformation would take place in this restless, feverish, "Let's Go somewhere" generation, if we would sincerely and practically respond to His living word "I am the Way, The Truth, and The Life."

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STRAYED—To N. E. 16-45-9-4th, one-Black Heifer, yearling with white face, piece cut out of one ear. Owner kindly get same and pay expenses. J. C. McKay, Phone 417 Irma. 11-13p

FOR SALE—Slightly used 1928 Buick Sedan, Price right.—P. J. Hardy.

STRAYED—From east of Irma, Monday, December 10th, one big red heifer, four years old, fat, branded AV with half circle on right shoulder, brackled face, and white tip on tail. Finder please notify Gordon Ambler, Irma, Alta. 11-13p

STRAYED—From Section 24-45-9-4th, 1 Aberdeen Angus Steer and 1 Aberdeen Angus Heifer, two years old, branded 2 reverse D on left shoulder, also grizzley gray fillie, two years old, rough bone, no brand, suitable reward for recovery. M. D. Askin, Phone 210, Irma, Alta. 11-13p

FOR SALE—Set of Buggy shafts, also set of single driving harness in good condition. —J. Jackson, Phone 418, Irma, Alta. 11-13p

STRAYED—From N. E. 2-47-8, 1 Yearling Steer, red with white face; 1 Yearling Steer, red with spotted red and white face; 1 Yearling Heifer, red with white face; 1 Black and White Heifer; All branded FF with bar under, on left shoulder and nick in left ear. —Frank Ford, Box 40, Irma.

WATERING CATTLE

(Experimental Farms Note)

It is interesting to see how much and how often cattle will drink when they have access to good water at all times. It may be surprising to some to know that under such circumstances cattle will drink, on an average, every hour during the day even in cold weather, but they will not drink a great deal at a time.

For the first four years that cattle were fed at the Rosthern Experimental Station, the water system was far from perfect and the steers were watered only once a day. They crowded around the trough and drank all they could hold and then, especially on cold days, they stood with hunched backs and shivered for a considerable time and never looked comfortable. For the past ten years water has been provided in a large trough and kept from freezing by means of a tank heater and it is found that nearly all day, except when the animals are feeding, one or another is going to the trough and drinking a few mouthfuls and returning to chew the cud, and never is an animal seen with his back hunched and shivering.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

The Ontario government is expected to abolish the 50 cents per gallon tax on native wines.

Reports of a violent earthquake in Alma, Alta., Russian Turkistan, where Leon Trotsky is living in exile, were received in Moscow. No details were given.

Twenty-five villages were submerged as a result of a storm which swept the Caspian Sea and caused the River Volga to overflow in the neighborhood of Astrakhan.

Palestine's rapid development under the British mandate is evidenced with the recent arrival at St. John, N.B., of the first shipment of olive oil to reach these shores from the Holy Land.

Herman Trolle, of Wembley, Alta., the wheat king of the west, was forced to relinquish his hold on the oats championship at the Chicago show, when first place was awarded to Ivan Gustafson, Victor, Montana.

The proposal, that British and United States parliamentarians meet in Canada to discuss naval parity and disarmament will receive no official recognition by the United States Government.

The first trial flight of the R-100, Britain's new giant dirigible, will be made to Cardington, Bedfordshire. If the trip is successful, the airship will proceed shortly to the United States.

Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, who gained fame as commander of the operations against Zeppelins and Ostend, in April, 1918, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Portsmouth station of the navy.

Plans for a tour of Great Britain by 800 secondary school boys of Eastern Canada, were announced at a meeting of the Collegiate Institute Board of Ottawa, by Dr. J. H. Putnam, senior inspector of Ottawa's public schools.

World's Oldest Wedded Pair

Serbian couple Have Been Married Eighty-Nine Years

In a little Serbian village near Sumlin are living probably the oldest married couple in the world. Documentary evidence proves that Demetrius Filenovic and his wife, Zivana, were already married and living in the village where they spent their childhood days, in 1839. Demetrius was then over twenty-one. He is fully 110, and his wife is 107.

They have lived together for eighty-nine years, and are now surrounded by numerous children, grand children and great-grand children, says a writer in "Tit-Bits." Both are in excellent health and in the enjoyment of all their faculties. Filenovic has never smoked nor drank spirits. He took his last glass of wine thirty years ago.

A Remarkable Ink

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A concern that once produced a marketing ink had the following to say about its product. "It is remarkable for requiring no preparation, penetrates powerfully, precluding previous, pre-arranged preparations; possesses particular properties; protects private property; prevents presumptions, pilfering persons practicing promiscuous proprietorship; pleasantly performing plain practical penmanship; perfectly precludes puerile pangenies, preferring proper public patronage."

The only reason a great many American families don't own an elephant is that they have never been offered an elephant for a dollar down and easy weekly payments.

The average length of life of a business man is said to be two-thirds that of a farmer.

Yuma, Arizona, has only 18 cloudy days in an average year.



She: "How far we are from the trivialities of everyday life."
He: "Yes, especially here!"—Kasper, Stockholm.

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MARION COPP

Marion Copp is a rising young contralto who will assist in the Sea Musical Festival to be held in Vancouver January 22-26. The festival programme will be interpreted by many distinguished singers, instrumentalists, and choir, and will be the music event of a decade.

Recipes For This Week

(By Betty Barclay)

SALMON EN CASSEROLE

Cook cup of rice; when cooking, add 1 can of salmon. Beat 2 eggs, add one-third cup of milk, 1 tablespoonful of butter, pinch of salt, dash of paprika. Stir into the salmon lightly, cover lightly with rice. Steam one hour, serve with white sauce.

CINNAMON APPLES SUPREME

- 1 package vanilla junket.
- 1 pint milk.
- 6 apples.
- 1 cup sugar.
- 1-3 cup water.
- 3 tablespoons red cinnamon candies.
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Peel and core apples and place in baking pan. Make a syrup by boiling the sugar, water and cinnamon candies together for 5 minutes; add lemon juice. Pour syrup over apples and bake until tender, basting several times. Place apples in individual dishes, adding a little syrup. When cooled and the syrup has jellied, prepare vanilla junket according to directions on package and fill dishes. Let stand in a warm place until firm. Then chill.

Canada's Great Prosperity

People Can Face the Future With Every Confidence

Never in history has Canada been in such comfortable and prosperous shape or faced the future with greater confidence and assurance. Dominion leaders reiterate this and the people of the country cannot but be aware of it. The record grain crop which the western provinces have gathered in has resulted that optimism generated in all phases of activity. Each successive month of the year has but served to brighten the prospect in all phases of Canadian endeavor, and all figures of employment have been broken back to the height of post-war activity in 1929. Construction, manufacturing, transportation, mining, trade, communications and services all record substantial and encouraging gains.

An Ancient Roadway

Built Across Mexico Is Probably Oldest On North American Continent

The old Spanish road, built across Mexico in the sixteenth century is believed to be the oldest road on the North American Continent. It was built in the form of a letter "Y" with the lower point of the stern starting at Vera Cruz on the gulf. The northern point touches the Pacific at San Blas, and the southern tip at Acapulco. Because of this road the west-bound convoys from the Philippines were spared the dangerous navigation around Cape Horn. There is still evidence that this old trail was used by the Indians before the Spaniards broadened it from a pack-mule path to a highway.

Paris Has Smallest Restaurant

Paris boasts that it has the tiniest restaurant in the world. It is called the Petit Restaurant, situated in the Rue Hippolyte Leduc, and seats five persons, who are accommodated at one table. In spite of the increasing popularity, the proprietor refuses to enlarge the premises.

Bobby (on his eighth birthday writes to his absent father)—"My dear papa, whenever I'm tempted to do wrong, I think of you and say, 'Get thee behind me Satan.'"

Opposing Construction
Of German Warship

Country Cannot Afford This Expenditure Say Social Democrats

There seems to be sound common sense in the argument of the German Social Democrats who are opposing the construction of the first German warship to be built since the end of the Great War. Germany can ill afford to spend the money on a lone warship which would be no match for the navies of other countries, one of the leaders declares. One warship would be a beginning, however, and it could prove a starting point toward the development of a real navy. If Germany has aspirations toward naval power, a start must be made in some direction. But with the burdens of war still pressing upon her people, naval ambitions would appear to be a luxury which Germany will not fight for.

Ancient Greeks Used Asbestos

Mineral Which Withstands Fire Was Called "The Unconsumable"

Few of the world's minerals have had a more curious history than asbestos, and few are more curious in themselves.

Though commercially merely fifty years old it was known to the ancients. The Greeks called it "the unconsumable" whilst the Tartars and the Assyrians were aware of the strange, fibre-like rock that could withstand fire.

In earliest known use was for the shrouds of kings, whose dead bodies were wrapped in asbestos cloth, so that their ashes might be kept separate from those of the funeral pyre.

Must Be Improving

"Yes," he said, "I think the world is getting better."

"And may I ask why?" she answered.
For a moment he twisted the ring she had just handed back to him, held it in such a position as to make it flash brightly, and then replied: "This is the first time I have ever had an engagement ring returned without a fight or a protest."

Ethiopia is to have its first automobile highway, the project being backed personally by His Imperial Highness, the Prince Regent.

DOMINION CONSERVATIVE
ASSOCIATION

J. R. MacNicol, president of the Dominion Conservative Association, who presided over the provincial convention of the party at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, recently.

Mysteries Of Lightning

Scientists Have Discovered Peculiar Facts Not Known Before

Scientists have now succeeded in measuring lightning. They state that a flash takes about one-seventh of a second to complete itself, and no part of it last more than approximately one-thirtieth of a second. This is the first time in history that the speed of a lightning flash has been measured.

It has also been proved that lightning starts from the clouds and the ground at nearly the same instant, and approximately one-seventh of a second later the two ends unite in mid-air.

These facts were determined by Dr. C. U. Dyer, a British physicist, who has been attempting hundreds of photographs for the last twenty-six years, until a stroke of lightning in New York at last gave him this information.

Favorite Name For Ships

Mary in its various forms—Maria, Marion, Marie, and so on—is the favorite ship name, and about eleven hundred vessels bearing it are afloat. Anne, Anna and Annie come next as the names of about five hundred craft.



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Mars Will Always
Be Interesting Study

Scientists Are Steadily Increasing Their Knowledge Of This Planet

Scientists are continuing to study Mars and increase their knowledge of the planet that bears so strange a resemblance to our own earth. A recent article in the Contemporary Review sums up what is actually known of this planetary neighbor, the author declaring that it is quite probable that animal life exists on Mars and that it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that such animal life has culminated in a race of intelligent beings further advanced than the inhabitants of the earth in the journey of life.

That Mars is criss-crossed by canals whose regularity provokes the belief that they have been made by some intelligent agency has long been known, but until comparatively recent years it was believed by astronomers that life on Mars was impossible because water was thought to be non-existent in the Martian atmosphere and because its temperature was too low to support life. In 1925, however, the presence of water vapor was definitely proved, and in 1924 and 1926 observations determined that the temperature of Mars was far higher than had at first been believed. It was measured by a radiometer and was found to be from 20 to 30 degrees Centigrade.

We may never get into touch with this planet, but we shall never give up trying. Scientific observations will go on, just as well as spectacular attempts to send radio messages or to catapult human beings from gigantic mortars. What adds particular piquancy to this quest is the astronomical belief that Mars is an older world than the earth and that, consequently, if there are Martians, they may know secrets of life which we have not yet discovered.

New York's Newest Club

Aims To Prevent Accidents To Motorist and Pedestrian

There are clubs innumerable in the automobile world, but a new one has been launched nevertheless, and it is ambitious to make its membership virtually equal to the complete roster of motorists in America. It has received a charter from the Secretary of State of New York, and its name is the Stay Alive Club. Its founders aim, in their own words, "to keep themselves from killing anybody, and to protect themselves from being killed by anybody else."

A life membership in this club costs only \$3.00, and carries with it a copy of a new book, entitled "Stay Alive!" The author is Marcus A. Dow, president of the National Safety Council, and in it he tells just how the automobilist may get into thirty different kinds of motor accidents, but also how he may keep out of these same thirty kinds of accidents, if he really wants to stay alive and is willing to keep his eyes open and do a little real thinking.

More than fifty great corporations have given their hearty indorsement to the purpose and methods of the club, and it has the approval of the National Safety Council, the work of which, in many different fields, has saved innumerable lives in recent years.

Nicknames Of The Past

Personality Was Not Considered In Majority Of Cases

There may be something in the contention that the absence of popular nicknames for present-day political leaders—with the possible exception of "Dix"—shows a lack of personality, but it is quite probable that politicians of the past would readily have dispensed with some of the labels attached to them by their contemporaries. Wellington, "the Duke" to his admirers, was "Old Nosey" to his numerous enemies. Brougham was commonly referred to as "Red-bush" or the "Arch Fiend." Peel went by the pleasant title of "Spinning Jenny." And Cereby habitually referred to Lord John Russell as "Pie and Thimble," Lord Ripon as "the Imp," and the Duke of Cleveland as "Nifty-Natty."

An Ancient Observatory

A prehistoric astronomical observatory, which it is estimated was constructed in 1181 B.C., has been unearthed at Buetzow (Mecklenburg). The observatory is in the form of circles of stones, which served for the observation of the annual circuit of the sun and also as a calendar.

Having a Hard Time

"One person is struck by an automobile in this country every forty-two seconds," says an informative contemporary. He must be in pretty bad shape by that time, whoever he is.—New York Evening Post.

Plans For World
Wheat Congress

Regina Already Preparing For Big Conference In 1932

A building with floor space totaling ten acres will be built in Regina in connection with the World Wheat Congress which takes place during 1932.

This fact was made known in a statement at Toronto from D. T. Elderkin, secretary-manager of the Regina Exhibition Board.

Some 40 buildings will be used for exhibits, Mr. Elderkin adds, representing agriculture, industry, women's work, etc.

Preparations to be made in Regina for the conference were carefully outlined in Mr. Elderkin's report, which says in part:

"The city of Regina and the Exhibition Association have undertaken to provide accommodation.

"For the housing of the exhibits it is intended to erect a building with a floor space of up to ten acres. Some forty buildings also will be used for exhibits representing other products of agriculture, industry, women's work, school exhibits, fine arts, etc.

"The stadium provides seating for 7000 people and the armory 5000. Should conditions indicate the need for a larger meeting place the grandstand will be available for seating for 20,000 people. A system of amplifiers will be installed for the Grain Congress," Mr. Elderkin said, "so that a vast audience will be able to hear the addresses. It is intended to have at least six or eight small halls where the various sections may have their meetings.

"It is planned to reserve hotel accommodation for distinguished visitors. The loyalty of the citizens of Regina can be counted upon to open their homes to the rest as was done in the capital during the poultry congress.

"The city of Regina will be asked to provide tent city for the accommodation of about ten thousand visitors, while provision will be made for locating the thousands who will come in motor cars and bring their own camping equipment. It is intended to provide sleeping accommodation for as many as 50,000 visitors."

It was pointed out that the congress would coincide with the 50th anniversary of the beginning of agricultural development in the mid-west as a result of the establishment of railway transportation. It would also be the 50th anniversary of Regina which was selected in 1882 as the site for the capital of what was then the Northwest Territories.

The preliminary prize list committee included: Dr. J. H. Ciesielski, deputy minister of agriculture, chairman; J. A. Mooney, G. H. Clarke, L. H. Newman and D. T. Elderkin.

The prize list, as suggested by the committee's report, calls for prizes totalling \$250,000.

In the wheat section, with six varieties of wheat, a total of \$15,000 in prizes is offered for each variety or \$90,000 in all. The manifestly less important grains offer smaller prizes.

The general committee as accepted includes: Hon. W. R. Motherwell, chairman; Hon. James Robb, Hon. C. A. Dunning, Hon. James Macleod, Hon. Robert Forke, together with the provincial ministers of agriculture, the representatives of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Canadian Millers' Association, Canadian Bakers' Association, Canadian Millers' Association, Canadian Press Association, and the deans of all agricultural colleges.

Delegates at the outset stressed the fact that the holding of the congress in Canada was indicative that the Dominion's agrarian leadership was realized by the world. Mr. Motherwell pointed out that the phenomenal increase in Canada's grain production since the war amounted to about 250 per cent.

Life is much like a motor car. The faster you drive a car, the less mileage you get per gallon.

A queen bee, recently exhibited in London, had travelled 3,500 miles by post.



"All my life has been without a spot."
"But I cleaned two spots off your waistcoat today!" — Pages, Gates, Weldon.

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We wish all our customers a

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and express our sincere appreciation of your generous patronage during the past year and express a hope that our business relations may continue throughout the years to come as pleasant as in the past.

May Health and Prosperity be yours during 1929.

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PLENTY OF ROOM IN CANADA



For the wives and families back in the homeland it is often a story of patient waiting while the husbands and fathers win a new start in the Canadian West. But the re-union is happy and the future bright when they are once more joined in the new home. Here is a group comprising two families of Swedish colonists, Mrs. Eriksson with her family of ten children, and Mrs. Siden with five children, who have just been sent forward by the Canadian National Railways' Colonization Department, and the Swedish-American line, to their husbands at Junkins, Alberta, one of whom settled here in 1925 and the other last summer. The statement is made that many more Swedish families of this fine type are expected to follow.

SAILS ON MAIDEN VOYAGE



The R.M.S. Lady Nelson, one of the five new vessels built for the Canadian National Steamships Fleet, in accordance with the Canada-West Indies Treaty, sails from Halifax on her maiden trip on December 14th. The photograph shows the Lady Nelson on her arrival in Canada from Great Britain, where she was built, and inset, her skipper, Captain J. M. Reith. The new ships are of 8,000 tons and their passenger accommodation was designed specially for tropical travel. Already a number of winter tours from Canada to the West Indies have been booked for the various sailings of these new steamships.

Read the Ads in the Times

Main Street

Mrs. T. Knowles returned from Edmonton Saturday.

Mr. Robert Cornack left last week for Scotland to visit his father.

Mr. R. J. Tate has been indisposed for the past few days.

George Hippenor shipped a car of hogs to Montreal, Tuesday.

Mr. W. J. Williamson, of Edmonton, spent the week end with his son, R. E. northeast of Irma.

Mr. H. W. Love left Wednesday night for a business trip to Vancouver and New Westminster.

Mr. E. Sharkey's children have gone to live with their aunt Mrs. R. Cummings at Pigeon Lake.

Mr. Herrick Sr. returned Saturday evening from the East where he has been for the past few weeks.

Mr. E. Cole of Edmonton was in Irma Tuesday renewing acquaintances.

Mr. F. W. Watkinson is around again after being laid up for a few days.

Mr. Glen Ruby, manager of the Hudson Bay - Marland Co., was in Irma Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McRae have returned to Irma after spending about two months near Hardisty.

Mr. J. Russell and T. Creed were at Wetaskiwin the first of the week getting some silver foxes to add to Mr. Russell's fox farm.

Mr. G. S. Quast, of Macklin, Sask., and Mrs. Barreth, of Piepot, Sask., have been visiting their mother Mrs. J. Barreth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Blakley, at Wainwright Hospital, Wednesday December 12th, a son. Both doing nicely.

Both Mr. Seton and Mrs. Barreth appear to be holding their own and while neither of them appear to be very much better, we are glad to hear that they are no worse.

Tuesday afternoon we had a small flurry of snow and it looked as if we might have sleighing for Christmas, but it has been followed by bright sunny sunshine which has carried most of it away.

Mr. A. White, of Carbol and White, had to go to Edmonton Wednesday morning on account of a very painful hand in which it looked as if an operation might be necessary on account of blood poisoning.

Some of the Christmas concerts have been postponed on account of much sickness in the districts. While there are a lot of residents confined to their homes with slight colds, or the flu, there does not appear to be any serious cases.

CHRISTMAS TIME AT
RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS

Perhaps there is nowhere on earth where the fires of generous impulse burn more purely than in the heart of a child at Christmas time.

In hundreds of schools in Alberta boys and girls are striving to become super-salesmen in their efforts to sell Christmas seals for the benefit of the little cripples of Alberta under the care of the Junior Red Cross Hospital units at Calgary and Edmonton.

Believing that there is no finer gift than health and strength, the Red Cross is endeavoring at all costs to maintain the many humanitarian services for which it Peace Time program has become famous in Alberta.

You are earnestly invited to co-operate in this great mission of mercy and by your renewal membership in Red Cross, one dollar, or by your donation if already a member, in the spirit of Christmas time by helping to give health and strength to many a little child in the Hospitals under the Red Cross flag at Calgary and Edmonton.

THIS CHRISTMAS —
REMEMBER RED CROSS
407 Civic Block, Edmonton, Alta.



Jeanne Dusseau, Canada's great lyric soprano, who will, at the Festival of Sea Music to be held in Vancouver, January 22-23, interpret many of the songs of the sea, which are those of women. Madame Dusseau will render some of the sea songs which are still alive in the Hebrides.

NOVEMBER STANDING SENIOR
ROOM, IRMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Grade VIII.—Anna Peterson (5, 4, 0) 79 per cent; Clifford Smallwood (5, 4, 0) 78; John Schonert (5, 4, 1) 73; Robt. Maguire (5, 3, 1) 72;

Grade VII.—Mary ones (5, 5, 0) 84; Elsie Stimson (6, 6, 0) 84; Stanley Gulltner (6, 2, 1) 66; Clarence Barber (6, 3, 2) 63; Murray Gulltner (6, 2, 2) 61; Mary Stimson (6, 3, 3) 60; Dorothy Glasgow (6, 2, 0) 57; Don Mathison (4, 1, 2) 54; Sam Congdon (6, 1, 2) 53.

Grade VI.—Dolton Herbert (4, 3, 0) 77; Nina McGregor (5, 2, 2) 75; Forest Coe (3, 1, 1) 64; Ralph Schonert (5, 3, 2) 59; Ted Thurston (5, 2, 2) 57; Ray Locke (5, 3, 2) 56; Benny Maguire (5, 2, 3) 51; Leslie Robertson (4, 1, 2) 50.

Grade V.—William Milburn (3, 3, 0) 91; Aletha Knudson (3, 2, 0) 85; Mathison (3, 3, 0) 80; James Mathison (3, 2, 0) 78; Albert Glasgow (3, 3, 78; Harold Barber (3, 2, 0) 69; Orville Wright (3, 1, 1) 66; Roy Lattner (2, 1, 0) 53; Ralph Congdon (3, 1, 1) 52.

First number after name, percentage; number in brackets is the number of tests not written; third number, days in attendance. 19 teaching days during month.

Grade IV.—Roy Blade 92, 17; Lois Coe 81, 17; Frederick Thurston 81, (1) 14; Eileen Robertson 70, 18; Fern Stimson 53, (3) 18.

Grade III.—Ethel Tate 89, 18 1-2 days; Yvonne Asquith 87, 18 1-2 days; Clarence Carter 85, 19; Bobby Charter 85, 19; Arthur Knudson 81, 19; Marion Thorpe 85, (1) 17; James Sharkey 67, 18; Gunnar Larson 61, 19; Mildred Hill 61, 19; Mildred McDonald 61, (4) 18; Rosie Sharkey 59, (4) 16; Wilma McDonald 57, (6) 14.

Grade II.—Clarence Larson 85, 19; Arthur Peterson 81, 18; Clifford Jones 79, 19; Lodiine Barber 78, 19; Percy Congdon 76, 18; Harvey Gulltner 75, 19; Eldon Herbert 74, 15; Ronald Thurston 69, 19; Harry Lattner 68, (1) 15; Leslie Larson 67, 19.

There will be a class for all children six and over, opened immediately after the Christmas holiday.

Will the parents kindly understand that all pupils in grades II, III, and IV, have homework in Reading and Spelling.

Gertrude Magrath, Teacher

NOV. & DEC. REPORT
IRMA RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Grade XI.—Morris Wright (8, 4, 1); Vileta Wright (5, 1, 2).

Grades X and XI.—Myrtle Glasgow (7, 1, 1) Mary Landers (6, 0, 1); Grace Lee (6, 1, 1); Frank Maguire (6, 1, 2); Margaret (6, 3, 1).

Grade X.—Florence Allen (7, 1, 3); Eleanor Barber (A.H.); Beulah Blade (7, 2, 1); Marjorie Locke (A. H.); Helen McDowell (4, 2, 2); Bernice Mathison (7, 0, 2); Ethel Milburn (A. H.); Harriet Nash (7, 2, 1); Bertell Sellstedt (7, 0, 2); Violet Simmons (7, 2, 1); Phyllis Thurston (S.S.).

Grade IX.—Eva Congdon (5, 2, 0); Vera Herbert (6, 1, 2); Elizabeth Higginson (S. S.); Herbert Smith (6, 3, 1); Vera Thorpe (6, 2, 1).

FARM STORAGE

For the first time in the history of grain growing, in Western Canada producers will be paid for storing their wheat on their farms. Commencing December 17th Alberta Pool members will be paid an extra cent a bushel. If the grain is held until January 15th, an additional one cent a bushel will be paid.

The Alberta Wheat Pool inaugurated the policy of farm storage last spring in order that as much wheat as possible should be held back on the farms so that Pool elevators should handle the greater volume. This policy also assists the Central Selling Agency. Because of the fact that a considerable number of shipping points are not served by Pool elevators, those who deliver at non-Pool houses are also being paid farm storage.

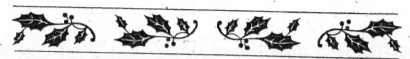
Just how far this new departure will be of advantage to the Wheat Pool remains to be seen. Possibly this year will not show as much benefit as other years to come. It is certain, however, that the Wheat Pool will use this policy to a considerable extent and possibly increase the rate of farm storage materially in order to relieve the tremendous congestion in the heavy shipping months of the fall. As the Pool elevator system is extended it is altogether likely that the farm storage plan will greatly aid these Pool houses by permitting heavier handlings because of longer periods of delivery.

Agents of Pool and line company elevators have received their instructions to increase the initial payment by one cent per bushel commencing December 17th, and Pool members may be fully informed of all conditions governing this storage payment by these agents.

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enough to spend.
May you never
lack a friend.
May the brat of
health attend
From beginning to
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